

Library Environmental Committee Meeting January 28, 2014

Present: Hsiang-Ping Cha, Susan Kendall, Andrea Kepsel, Kriss Ostrom (chair for this meeting), Stephanie Perentesis (minutes for this meeting), Heidi Schroeder, Eric Tans, Aaron Tomak, Mike Unsworth

- Minutes of 11/26/13 approved.
- Committee thanked Elida Marti for her long service on LEC. Although she has resigned, she will remain on the LEC mailing list, along with other former LEC members who have requested it.
- Simplified paper recycling discussed. Kriss will contact James Ives, education coordinator for Campus Sustainability about the timeframe for library implementation.
- LEC Earth Day exhibit for April-June 2014, first floor center exhibit case—Eric will install an exhibit in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act.
- Spring events—Kriss has received all but Beal Tour PR from Holly Flynn. The LEC event “Food Field: A Four-Acre Detroit Urban Farm” (owned by Noah Link and Alex Bryan), February 4, 2014, is on library website events page <http://www.lib.msu.edu/library/features/413/> and plasma screens in lobby. Beal Tour publicity is forthcoming.
- Task Force on Library’s Environmental Impact—Kriss shared main points from a memo sent by the task force’s Shawn Nicholson and forwarded it to LEC members for further consideration.
- Eric and Kriss (along with Terry Link, Laura Carter, Loretta Fiacco and Lauren Olson) recently had the opportunity to sort through an entire day’s worth of library trash as part of a campus waste audit to see the number of recyclables it contained. Most were from Cyber Café and light weight, comprising 14% of trash total for a loss of \$7.38 from recycling revenue. This reinforces the educational possibilities LEC might pursue in support of the Environmental Impact Task Force’s initiatives. Kriss will email them (Terry Link, Jim Hensley, and Shawn Nicholson) about it.
- Green Certification—Heidi has offered to take the lead again in completing forms for recertification before April 1, 2014. We’ll review the forms at the next meeting. We also discussed availability of stickers, icons and other publicity to advertise the library’s green certification status.
- Mike announced that he is chair of MSU’s Bike Advisory Committee. MSU has “bronze” level as a bike-friendly campus. He proposes a bike safety class be offered as run-up to our Smart Commute participation in April. Committee members supported the idea.
- Smart Commute—we hope to maintain our excellent showing and will encourage student employees to participate in greater numbers this year.
- MSU Green League—we reiterated that the committee will not participate.
- New sign for basement recycling bins has been posted. Aaron suggested we also include what can’t be recycled.
- We wish Lauren Olson success in her new venture. She is the former Education Coordinator for MSU Campus Sustainability, who has left MSU to go into business for herself (sustainable clothing).
- Improving library energy use and recycling reports issued by Campus Sustainability—James Ives would be delighted to sit down with LEC to brainstorm improvements.
- EcoGram—Aaron and Stephanie will create a draft on wiping/rinsing plastic recyclables. UPDATE: The EcoGram will be about Recyclemania which goes from February 2-March 29, 2014. Plastics will be next.

- Kriss will meet with Deborah Margolis about recycling at upcoming “Muslim Journey” events where refreshments will be served.
- No new business.
- Next meeting: 2/25/14.

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